

PROCEEDING

Are Preparations Necessary For Opening of the New Irish Parliament.

Liberals Ignore Action of Lords Which Would Cause Delay.

Despite Ulster Threats Liberal and Irish Forces March Steadily.

THE NEW IRISH LAND BILL

Relations between the House of Lords and the Commons are in the nature of a very remarkable historic curiosity at the present moment. The Lords go on rejecting Liberal measures passed by the Commons and nobody pays the least attention. Virtually except for purposes of annoyance and delay, the House of Lords might as well have ceased to exist, cables Hon. T. P. O'Connor, M. P. The Lords followed up the rejection of the Irish and Welsh bills by rejecting the plural voting bill, and while the Lords are thus reasserting their claim to the old omnipotence which the Parliament act was supposed to destroy, Carson makes further appeals for civil war. Again nobody takes much notice and even the Tory papers are ceasing to report Carson's rather monotonous speeches.

One must remember that underneath all this superficial quietude movements are going on which must lead to a fierce crash when the appointed hour comes. The Lords declare publicly and privately that they are determined to use their small remaining powers to the uttermost regardless of consequences, but consequences must come all the same. Never were the Liberals more angry and determined than during the last two weeks, and Carson's insolent speeches joined to Lansdowne's insolent acts are leading up to such an outburst next year of democratic fury as will make the sweeping away of the whole House of Lords the first plank of the Liberal platform. Another and more immediate effect than the acts and speeches of the Lords is the extraordinary revivification of Liberalism in the House of Commons, and even more in the country. The best proof of this is the restoration of Lloyd-George to his old place as first favorite with the English masses. Restored to health and good spirits, Lloyd-George is himself again and approaches the opening of his new land campaign with almost hungry delight in the battle.

Meantime preparations in all the preliminaries necessary for the nomination of the new Irish Government and the opening of the new Irish Parliament are proceeding quietly. Even the dates are provisionally fixed and, unless there is some big accident or the House of Lords insists on using the policy of obstruction and delay, Redmond will be nominated Prime Minister of Ireland in July and the Irish Parliament will meet in the month of December next year.

A new and big Irish land bill, introduced this week, will probably play a momentous part in the final settlement and in forcing acceptance of some rule. One-third of the Irish landlords who have not sold are offered a last chance of getting their money, while the tenants will be enabled also to buy farms on much easier terms than under Wyndham's act. The most remarkable provision, however, of this new bill is universal compulsion on both landlords and tenants to come to terms. This provision affects Ulster more than any other province, as more landlords there still refuse to sell their lands and already the effects of the bill are being felt. In favor of this proposal are revealing themselves. Birrell is receiving a vote of thanks from Ulster Presbyterian farmers and his measure puts the final wedge between Carson and these farmers, who will not sacrifice their chances through this bill for buying their lands cheap for uncertainties and the perils of civil war. In other provinces in Ireland the farmers are rejoiced at this prospect of becoming owners of their lands at smaller prices than ever. All good Irishmen hail with relief the prospects of closing forever the land war before the meeting of the Irish Parliament.

Despite the eagerness of everybody for an end of the peculiarly laborious session, we shall have an active political autumn. Lloyd-George will be carrying the fiery cross of land reform over England, and preparations are being made for an equally active campaign on home rule. The leading Cabinet Ministers already have promised to make several speeches, and the Irish leaders will join in at their request. Irish speakers being now more popular figures at English gatherings than even the most prominent English Liberals. Thus in spite of promises of civil war by Ulster, threatened rowdiness in the House of Commons, and the House of Lords' arrogant obstinacy, the Liberal and Irish forces march on steadily.

FEDERATION CONVENTION.

The twelfth national convention of the American Federation of Catholic

Societies will meet tomorrow in Milwaukee and be in session until Wednesday night. Cardinal Gibbons will be the celebrant of the high mass at the Cathedral, and Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, will preach the sermon. For months past Archbishop Messmer and the clergy and Citizens of Milwaukee have been engaged in making preparation for this convention, in the hope that it will equal the one held in Louisville last year. At the same time the national convention of Catholic women will be held. Following the adjournment of the Federation the Catholic Press Association will hold its third annual convention, which will be in session for two days.

FORESTERS' CONVENTION.

After months of hard work the local members of the Catholic Order of Foresters have everything in good shape for the twenty-first biennial convention of the order, which will be held at the Seelbach next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The committees appointed to look after the various arrangements and details of the entertainments submitted complete reports at the meeting of Central Chapter on Wednesday morning. A solemn high mass was present at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral will be the opening ceremony of the convention. At 11 o'clock the convention will be formally opened with addresses of welcome by the Right Rev. Bishop Denis O'Donoghue, Lieut. Gov. E. J. McDermott, Mayor W. O. Head and Camden R. McAtee. Over 300 delegates have signed their intention of attending the convention, and an equal number of ladies and visitors are expected. Also all of the past chief officers of the organization will be in attendance. The social features include a barbecue at Spring Bank Park on Tuesday evening, an automobile ride and soiree at Fontaine Ferry on Wednesday, with a moonlight excursion Thursday night as the final entertainment.

ENTHUSIASTIC.

In spite of the torrid weather one of the best attendances of the year was present at the meeting of Division 4, A. O. H., on Monday evening in Bertrand Hall and much enthusiasm was manifested in the coming picnic under the auspices of the County Board. County President W. J. Connelly was present and urged the members to take advantage of the provision which allows the divisions and the Ladies Auxiliaries to keep the receipts of all tickets sold, this being a splendid opportunity for each to fatten their respective treasuries. President John B. Hennessey appointed J. J. Meaney, Fred Mooney, James Filbert, Thomas Farrell and Bernard Muldoon to serve as the Picnic Committee from the division. Michael Ward and Patrick Mangan were reported on the sick list by the Visiting Committee.

BARBECUE A SUCCESS.

The barbecue and fish fry of the Spring Bank Club on Thursday and Friday of last week was an unequalled success despite the showers of the first day. There were all kinds of amusements on the midway and a number of popular booths. One of the most popular of these was the one where ladies bartered away home made cakes, and where there was an interesting contest for the three-foot high and handsomely decorated cake donated by Col. Andy Kast. A feature that attracted much interest was Policeman John Kelly's swim across the river, accompanied by John Tully, the old life-saver, and the distance contests by Louisville's leading swimmers. The meats, the burgoo and the fish were enjoyed by thousands, and the verdict was that Col. Whallen and the Spring Bank Club lead when it comes to this form of entertainment.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY.

Under the direction of the Right Rev. Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of Portland, the three hundredth anniversary of the first celebration of the holy sacrifice of the mass in the State of Maine will be observed with magnificent ceremonies at Bar Harbor next Wednesday. Among the noted clergy who will be present will be the Most Rev. John Bousano, the Papal Delegate, for whom the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will act as a special guard of honor. The Bishops and clergy of the Eastern States will attend this celebration in large numbers.

COUNTY BOARD PICNIC.

The County Board, A. O. H., and the Ladies' Auxiliary will give their annual picnic and reunion at Phoenix Hill Park on Tuesday, August 26, and County President W. J. Connelly has appointed the following Committee of Arrangements: Thomas W. Tarry, James Welsh, John Maloney and John J. Barry, the committees from the ladies will be announced later. This annual Hibernian affair is considered one of the most enjoyable of the summer events and a banner throng is expected to be at the popular East End park on that date. A splendid concert and dancing programme is being arranged, consisting of the good old fashioned airs that are always popular.

COUNTRY HOME BURNED.

The family of Charles Klemens, a well known architect and contractor, living near Pewee Valley, had a narrow escape from death by fire Sunday night, when flames of unknown origin destroyed their residence and private dancing pavilion. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Klemens, who awakened her husband and carried their three small children to a place of safety and sounded the

alarm. Neighbors responded promptly and formed a bucket brigade, saving only the adjoining property. Mr. Klemens' loss is estimated at over \$2,000.

HIG DAY FOR ALL.

Rev. Father Fitzgerald and the committees in charge of the picnic of St. Leo's congregation, to be held in Highland Park next Wednesday afternoon, an eight, have determined to make this year's outing the biggest and best in the history of the parish. They claim they owe it to the patrons, for it is the big event and people from all parts of the city turn out for the day and a good share of the night and enjoy the fresh air and cooling breezes. Eucure and lotto will begin at 2 o'clock, and in addition there will be refreshments and amusements of all kinds and a sumptuous country dinner. Prizes of great value will be awarded both ticket-holders and players. There will be something doing every minute and none should miss this chance of having a good time. Mark down the date, August 6, cancel all other engagements and take the Second-street cars for Highland Park. This outing will greatly promote the formation of new friendships and should easily attain glorious results.

FAVORS TELEPHONE MERGER.

Mayor Head has under way a movement that would end the troubles heretofore existing between the telephone companies and their subscribers which has the endorsement of the business public. The Cumberland offers to settle its delinquencies here, but Mayor Head is working for a merger of the two companies with a view of relieving subscribers of the necessity of paying double toll. While not ready to commit himself, Mayor Head said Wednesday that he was devoting a great deal of time to the telephone proposition and merger. Among other things he is looking into telephone franchises in other cities, in order that he may become thoroughly informed relative to rates. When asked what he thought the rates should be, in case a merger is effected, he replied that in his opinion the rates should be lower than those charged at present by the Cumberland Company. He said he would not favor a merger without a franchise with the same provisions for safeguarding the public against high rates and poor service as are contained in the franchise under which gas and electricity is being sold in Louisville.

HUMANE DEMAND.

During the long hot spell that has prevailed in Louisville none have suffered more than those men who have been forced to wear coats while at work. This is especially true of the clerks in stores and business houses, street car conductors and motormen and many others. There is a growing sentiment in favor of a change that would eliminate the coat during the heated term. Humane people point to the letter carriers as an example, who make a good appearance without coats. Humane people have requested that the Kentucky Irish American call attention to this subject and urge employers to grant their suffering men this concession.

SENT FRIENDS TURF.

Some two years ago while shooting grouse on the mountains near his old home place in Ireland, James Thompson, the winner of the Louisville distiller, picked up a turf used for fuel and brought it home with him as a souvenir. So many of his friends asked for a piece that he had his brother in Ireland ship him some, and these he is sending out by parcel post. To many these souvenirs will no doubt bring back to memory Mr. Thompson's leaves for Ireland next week, to be gone until September.

EXCURSION.

During the past week contracts were signed and final arrangements completed for the excursion to Jasper, Ind., over the Southern railroad, under the auspices of the Catholic Knights of America, on Sunday, August 31. Already several hundred have expressed their intention of taking the trip, which Chairman Ben Kruse and the Executive Committee say will be an enjoyable one. The people of Jasper have become interested and will give the visitors a cordial welcome.

LEAVES LARGE FAMILY.

Sympathy deep and wide is felt for the husband and children of Mrs. Frank C. Laughlin, who died at Mt. Sterling on Wednesday, after a long illness. Mrs. Laughlin was a devoted, companionable wife to her husband and a tender, watchful mother to her large family of children. She was a devout Catholic and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Mrs. Laughlin was the sister of John M. Kelly and Mrs. James Taubee, of Lexington.

ORPHAN PICNIC.

One of the biggest annual events in local Catholic circles is the picnic for St. Joseph's German Orphanage in Crescent Hill, which will be held this year on the grounds on August 19. The grounds will be beautifully illuminated, and every known picnic attraction will be in operation on the clearest scale. An excellent concert band will render popular selections both afternoon and evening. Joseph Schmitt, President, has the Committee of Chairman under his charge and is making good progress with the arrangements.

COMING EVENTS.

Ladies of St. John's church—Lawn fete, August 5-6, Barrett and Breckinridge.
St. Leo's church—Picnic on church grounds August 6.
St. Peter's Church—Outing at Spring Bank Park, August 6.
Jeffersontown—Picnic and supper for St. Edward's church, August 12.
St. William's—Festival and detective contest, on church grounds, August 12-13.
St. Joseph's Orphanage—Annual picnic, on Orphanage grounds, August 9.
Retail Grocers—Outing and baby show, Fontaine Ferry Park, August 20.
St. Michael's Church—Picnic at Spring Bank Park, August 20.
Church of Our Lady—Lawn fete, church grounds, Thirty-fifth and Ruff, August 26-27.
Knights of Columbus—Outing and picnic, Fern Grove, August 21.
Trinity Council—Excursion to Mammoth Cave, August 31.
Catholic Knights of America—Excursion to Jasper, Ind., via Southern Railway, August 31.

PRIMARY

Election Today Furnishes Contests in the Democratic Ranks.

Herald Has Already Named Axton to Lead Progressive Party.

Charley Knight Looks Like One Best Bet in Senatorial Race.

ALL ARE GIVEN FAIR PLAY

Today marks the first holding of a primary election under the new Eaton-Thompson law and a heavy vote is expected to be polled all over the State, especially for the Democratic ticket. The contest of nomination being especially pleasing to the rank and file of the party, and the men chosen in this manner are sure to receive the hearty support of all party factions. Locally there is very little interest outside of the Democratic nominations, as the Herald-Axton crowd have everything framed up against Frank Reichert in the Progressive party, although the latter's popularity has been attested to many times, while on the other hand Axton is hardly known outside of the tobacco breaks, his money barrel being the open sesame to control of the Herald-Progressive machine.

Several rattling good contests are expected in the Democratic races, the list of contested offices being as follows:

For Police Judge—Samuel J. Boldrick, Delos B. Rogers.
For Clerk of Police Court—Carl Senning, Harry C. Nehan, Joseph M. Keyer, William E. Holley, Alf V. O'Brien.
For City Treasurer—Charles W. Milliken, Adolph Schmitt.
For County Judge—Muir Weissinger, Samuel W. Greene.
For County Assessor—Frank J. Schuster, Joseph E. Timmons, A. M. Knier, George Schlegel.
For Coroner—H. E. Mechning, Elmer Dugan.
For County Surveyor—J. Russell Gaines, Robert H. Young.
For Jailer—Charles C. Foster, John R. Pfanz.
For Councilmen, Fourth ward—Jerome King, Al Rosenberg, John Vogt.
For Councilmen, Twelfth ward—Thomas Delan, Richard Whitely, Fred T. Heffernan, Edward Geon.
For State Senator, Thirty-third district—Charles H. Knight, William Bohon.
For Representative, Forty-fourth district—John Drescher, Edward C. Roy.
For Representative, Forty-seventh district—William J. Kuh, T. A. Flannally.
For Magistrate, First district—Sim G. Sturgeon, Robert O. Dorsey.
For Magistrate, Second district—Charles C. Wheeler, Charles W. Talbot, Joseph P. Stephens, Charles J. Fegenbush.
For Magistrate, Third district—H. D. Robb, John M. Ferring, Henry E. Crawford.
For Magistrate, Fourth district—Joseph Muenninghoff, W. L. Weller.
For Magistrate, Sixth district—E. B. Yeager, Ben Schulman.
For Magistrate, Eighth district—T. A. McDonald, W. W. Bowman, George W. Berry.
For Constable, Second district—J. W. Floore, Phil T. German, Jr.
For Constable, Third district—J. L. Warren, Davis Brabson, Frank A. Shultz, Charles P. Fisher.
For Constable, Fifth district—Edward Qulno, Sr., William R. Steitenkamp.
For Constable, Sixth district—L. G. Roberts, John C. Straub, John T. Sullivan.
For Constable, Seventh district—Edward Barrett, Joseph A. Muria.
For Constable, Eighth district—A. G. Calloway, James Duddy, Albert B. Huchel, A. B. Kilkelly, Al B. Darragh.

In the race for State Senator,

Thirty-sixth district, Charles H. Knight, former Representative, appears a sure winner, his opponent being handicapped with the support of Dan O'Sullivan, who, although out of touch and out of harmony with the local Democracy, aspires to help select a standard-bearer for the Democrats in November. The underhanded methods used to injure Mr. Knight will only serve to increase his majority, as Democracy is not in sympathy with the circulators of anonymous literature. "Billy" Kuh, the only former city Representative with a contest today, is a big favorite and will win in a common canter, as the turf critics say. In spite of the assertions of the Progressive party organ, the Herald, the Democratic Committee has pursued a hands-off policy in all the primary races, Chairman Frank McGrath guaranteeing fair play and a square deal to every candidate, and in return deserves the hearty support and co-operation of winners and losers alike in the campaign now beginning.

CLIFF HAVEN.

With more than 500 people now sojourning on the beautiful grounds at Cliff Haven, the Catholic Summer School is preparing for a banner month of August. Never before in the history of the institution has so much interest been manifested in all the varied fields of summer school activity as is now being evidenced. The lectures are daily crowded with eager and enthusiastic audiences, the dances were never so popular, card parties never so well attended, and with all this the rapid succession of athletic events and tournaments makes life one continuous whirl of healthful, wholesome amusement. The family gathering Sunday evening drew to the auditorium a crowd which taxed the seating capacity of the building. Nearly every person on the grounds was present when the opening number was rendered. The programme for the evening was long and varied, one full of music, entertainment and instruction. During the week lectures were delivered by Rev. Cornelius J. Clifford, Rev. Charles Bruhl, Dr. William Henry Atherton, Prof. William P. Hirschmann and Miss Katherine Daly.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE.

The National Executive Committee of the United Irish League will meet in Boston this Sunday to arrange a programme of final rallies in all parts of this country during the next seven months to encourage the Irish Parliamentary party by letting the English people know that the Irish in America have lost none of their interest in home rule. There is yet to be raised a considerable part of the \$100,000 pledged by this country last year, and the Executive Committee will devise a plan of obtaining the remainder as well as mapping out a programme of mass meetings to be conducted in every city in the country. The Irish race in this country is requested by National President Michael J. Ryan, of Philadelphia, to help in a financial way to bear some of the burdens of the old struggle. The money that is subscribed is used in the propaganda maintained throughout the British empire. The campaign of slander carried on by a miserable faction of the Irish people and the appeals to ignorance and bigotry must be met with the weapons of truth and the virtues of the people must be answered in meeting, in pamphlet and through the press.

DUTY CATHOLIC OWES.

"Catholics, when they go to the ballot box as American citizens, should consider only the fitness of the candidates for the places they seek, and should vote for the best man," says the Catholic Herald. "To vote for a man because he is a Catholic, when you know that he is not the man for the place, is being disloyal to your duty as a citizen, and not even complying with your duty as a Catholic, because every Catholic should be, and must be, if he would be a true Catholic, a loyal and conscientious citizen of the nation to which he belongs."

SAIL NEXT WEEK.

Miss Marie O'Brien and Edward J. O'Brien, Jr., leave next Wednesday for New York and three days later will sail on the Imperator for an extended tour of Europe. Their brother, James G. O'Brien, who has been staying at the home of a friend at Cherbourg, and after touring Norway and Sweden and Denmark Miss O'Brien will go to be the guest of Madame Gustave Perelre at her chateau in France for an indefinite stay.

KENTUCKY'S DELEGATES.

Col. P. H. Callahan, Grand Knight of Louisville Council and delegate from the State at large; State Deputy Frank P. O'Donnell, of Mayville, and Past State Deputy James C. Rogers, of Lexington, have departed for Boston, where they will represent Kentucky at the national convention of the Knights of Columbus. Past State Deputy Robert Watson accompanied Grand Knight Callahan.

BLESSED STATUE.

Last Sunday morning the Rev. Father Mark blessed a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart in St. Paul's church at Pleasure Ridge. The statue was recently presented to his suburban parish, which is steadily growing.

SPLENDID ALMANAC.

St. Antony's Almanac for the year 1914, issued by the Franciscan fathers of the province, has reached this paper. It is a splendid year

publication in which is contained all necessary information in memoranda and calendar matter, as well as an abundance of wholesome, instructive and interesting reading. Apart from its literary value, St. Antony's Almanac should appeal to every Catholic who has at heart the spread of God's kingdom on earth through the zeal and labors of the priesthood. The price is twenty-five cents, and copies may be secured by addressing St. Antony's Almanac, Franciscan Monastery, Paterson, N. J. The profits accruing from its sale contribute to the education of young men who desire to become priests.

CROWDED WITH KNIGHTS.

Boston will be crowded with Knights of Columbus next week when the national convention of the order will be held in that city. This gathering will be really of an international character, for there will be delegates present from Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico and Canada, as well as from every State and Territory of the United States, representing a total membership on June 1, 1913, of nearly 300,000 men, or to be exact 298,966 devoted to their church and native land. The general features of the convention week programme will include a reception to the incoming Knights, a sail down the harbor, solemn high mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, business meetings, automobile drives, and the laying of the cornerstone of the new building of Mt. Benedict Council at Lowellville by Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty. The convention will close with a grand reception and ball at the Hotel Somerset.

DEVOTION FOR AUGUST.

The special devotion for the month of August is the Sacred Heart of Mary. This devotion is a counterpart of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mary is our spiritual mother. We became her children when she suffered the excruciating torture witnessing her divine Son dying nailed to the cross. "Behold thy son," "Behold thy mother." With the first Jesus imparted the spiritual maternity, and also the supernatural love for us, her children. We all have a place in her heart; she feels for us all, and the greater our needs and the more helpless we are, the more does our condition appeal to her maternal heart. Unlike our mother by nature, she is all-powerful in her intercession. We never appeal to her in vain. She is "our life, our sweetness, our hope." She is most powerful, most faithful, the refuge of sinners, the help of Christians. Blessed shall we ever be if we cultivate a most trusting, a most loyal, a most filial spirit to Mary, our spiritual mother.

LEAVING FOR IRLAND.

Miss Nora Browne, sister of Messrs. John, Daniel and Edward Browne and Mrs. Daniel McKenna, Mrs. Wren, Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Brennan, will leave next week for New York to visit friends and then sail for Ireland to spend the remainder of the year with her parents. In the fall she will be joined by her brother, John Browne, and Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. McKenna, who will accompany her back to Louisville. Before returning the party will visit all the Irish cities and points of interest.

ST. JOHN'S LAWN FETE.

The ladies of St. John's church will entertain with a lawn fete on the grounds at the corner of Barrett avenue and Breckinridge streets next Tuesday and Wednesday, and are arranging for a eucure and lotto in connection with many handsome and unique prizes for the fortunate players. The handsome lawn will be brilliantly lit and decorated for the occasion and an enjoyable evening is promised to those who attend.

ARTISTIC PAINTING.

The Reichert Sign and Art Company, with Gen. Michael Reichert, for many years the leading painter for the Kentucky Wagon Company, at its head, has been formed and is now ready for business. Gen. Reichert's work has won for him a wide reputation, the high standard of which will be maintained by the new company. Those wanting signs of any kind, banners, stage scenery, bird-eye views or interior decorations are invited to give this company a trial. They have a "phone, City 2905.

VICTIM OF TYPHOID.

Following a week's illness of typhoid fever, Miss Martina May, aged eighteen years, died Tuesday afternoon at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. She was the granddaughter of William Nord, 324 Chippewa avenue, Highland Park, and is survived by her father, a sister, Agnes May, and two brothers. Her funeral was held Tuesday from St. Leo's church. Rev. Father Fitzgerald conducting the solemn services.

BACK ON DUTY.

Chief Timothy Lehan, of the fire department, who fell and suffered a severe injury to his right leg while saving the Commercial Hotel on East Market street from the flames, has fully recovered and is again on duty at fire headquarters.

FATHER WARD'S RETURN.

Very Rev. Father Felix Ward, C. S. C., formerly Pastoral Provincial, will return from Ireland at the end of this summer. For some time Father Ward was stationed at the Sacred Heart Retreat on the Newburg road and is well known in Louisville and Kentucky.

SHAMELESS.

Socialism and Free Love Are Not Adverse to Each Other.

How a Candidate For Governor Deserted His Wife and Boasted.

Confessed Publicly What the Leaders of Socialism Teach.

STARTLING PROOF IS SUPPLIED.

The argument frequently advanced against Socialism, that it fosters "free love," is perfectly correct. It is not prudent to use this argument in season and out of season, there is no grave reason why attention should not be called to the action of consistent Socialists, when the latter are of sufficient prominence, and their actions at variance with the divine and human law in matters of sex morality. The candidate for Governor of the State of Missouri on the Socialist ticket during the campaign of 1912 has recently supplied a startling proof of the correctness of the contention that Socialism and "free love" are not adverse to each other, just as do the lives of Eleanor Marx and Mr. Aveling, and the sayings of numerous Socialist writers. William A. Ward, one time preacher, and in 1912 candidate for Governor of Missouri, was recently divorced by his wife (June 27, 1913) in a St. Louis court. Ward's views on sex morality, as expressed in letters presented by his wife in court, are characteristic of Socialist thought and ethics, and should, because of their grossly cynical nature and the representative position enjoyed by Ward, be seriously considered.

The couple had separated in December, 1911, Ward preaching and lecturing, while his wife was obliged to earn a living for herself and two children. In one of his letters to Mrs. Ward this Socialist leader writes: "Now that the inevitable (the divorce) has happened, I shall not feel bound, but shall live my own life as seems best to me."

"As to the matter of faithfulness, to which you referred when I saw you last, I do not claim to be faithful to you. Under the circumstances it can hardly be expected, and I shall not try to be. I am writing frankly because I think that is best. You may draw whatever conclusion you like."

There is far more than a mere disregard for convention expressed in this letter. It contains nothing less than a brutally frank avowal of the Socialist doctrine of moral irresponsibility under untoward outer circumstances, and a shameless recognition of the commonly accepted divine command and the human law. Economic determinism—the ready excuse that circumstances can be blamed for what the individual does not care to bear responsibility for—is his sole excuse. Says Ward in the same letter:

"If my irregular conduct seems wrong, it is because of impossible situations, for which law and customs make no provisions, but only make worse."

This then is Ward's only explanation. He does not consider himself bound to his wife, although they had not been divorced when the letter was written. He does not even pretend to be faithful, and tells his wife so. And all he has to offer as an explanation is—unfavorable circumstances; and the same explanation of the guilt is expressed in the words—"If my irregular conduct seems wrong."

The force of the argument against Socialism in this instance lies in the fact that when Ward expressed these views he did not put himself in opposition to good Socialist teachings but confessed publicly what the leaders of Socialism teach, thereby exemplifying in practice the dangerous effect of such principles. And this man was no "small fry" Socialist, but his party's candidate for Governor of the State of Missouri.

What can you expect of a system that justifies such action in theory, and in practice leads men to such actions?

GLAD HE IS BACK.

The many friends and patrons of the Dougherty & Lanning Coal Company are glad to see E. J. Mann again presiding over the office desk, after a vacation that was most welcome. Mr. Mann is one of the best natured men in the coal business, whose honest methods and affable manner make him a valuable man for any coal company.

MACKIN COUNCIL.

Hot weather and tired feeling accounts for the absence of many from the meeting of Mackin Council on Monday night, which was largely routine. The outing given at Tower's Grove was a decided success, and in the evening there was a gathering much larger than expected. Every feature on the programme was carried out and young and old appreciated the generosity of the Y. M. I. and the work of the committee, who pulled off a number of unlooked for surprises.